

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image forming apparatus includes: an endless belt; a plurality of image carriers; a plurality of charging units; an exposing unit; and a plurality of developing units configured  
5 to develop an electrostatic latent image on each of the image carrier with a developer of different color to form a developer image and to retrieve a residual developer on the image carrier, wherein the endless belt is configured to be transferred the developer images formed on each of the plurality of image carriers  
10 thereon to form a color image, and transfers the color image onto a recording medium, and wherein the developing unit provided at a most upstream position with respect to the moving direction of the endless belt forms the developer image with a developer of black color, and is configured to retrieve a residual developer  
15 on the endless belt.